

restricting gasoline to Iran. Restricting refined gasoline to Iran is one way to pressure the regime to give up its efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

Due to economic mismanagement by the Iranian government, this leading OPEC nation now heavily depends on refined gasoline from abroad to run its economy. One Dutch company, Vitol, is the main broker of Iranian gasoline imports and one British company, Lloyd's of London, insures most of the tankers transporting gasoline to Iran.

I have long advocated for economic sanctions against Iran as part of an international diplomatic effort to halt the regime's pursuit of nuclear weapons in defiance of the United Nations. An international restriction on the supply of gasoline would serve as a critical diplomatic tool to deny Iran the ability to further its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. Therefore, I strongly urge the State Department to advocate for a gasoline embargo on Iran as a sanction at the United Nations Security Council.

RECOGNIZING WORTHINGTON
LIBRARIES

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Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to rise and recognize Worthington Libraries, recently named the 2007 Library of the Year by Library Journal and Gale.

The roots of Worthington Libraries can be traced to 1803 and the small town of Granby, Connecticut, where a group of 100 men, women and children set out to begin a new life in Worthington, Ohio, bringing their collections of books with them. The library which was formed to manage those books was the first in Franklin County and only the third in Ohio.

The first building to actually house the collection came in 1927 when Elizabeth Jones Deshler donated money for a library building on the northeast corner of the Village Green, the area set aside by Worthington's founders for the public pursuit of learning and education. Mrs. Deshler dedicated the building to the memory of her grandfather, Worthington founder James Kilbourne. In 1931, Mrs. Deshler funded the addition of north and south wings on the James Kilbourne Memorial Library Building.

With a new location and an additional building, the current Library offers the world-class service and learning environment to match its storied past. The library is still the focal point of the community, emphasizing accountability to its patrons through rigorous, forward-looking planning and quality service that embraces not just adults but also children and teens. The community returns the compliment with strong financial support, giving the library 65.5 percent of its funding, even though three-quarters of Ohio's public libraries get most or all of their funding from the state.

Innovations which contributed to Worthington Libraries' selection for Library of the Year included a roving reference librarian, new ways to promote high-traffic items like popular fiction, a teen blog and "MySpace" page, adult programming that extends to forums sponsored with the town's Council for Public Deliberation, and strong e-assets that include not only 164 topnotch electronic resources and more than 8000 full-text periodicals but also TumbleBooks, which provides animated stories for children.

It is an honor to represent a community which prides itself upon the pursuit of knowledge, and the Worthington Libraries nobly provides that endeavor for its residents. Congratulations to all the staff of Worthington Libraries for continuing to find new ways to promote reading and learning.